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KE5WEJ**



**Lauren Rice,
KC2LR**

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Marte Wessel, ICOEPE



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IN MEMORY OF:
ARLINE BERRY, W1LIO
JACQUELINE GOSSELIN, N3ZEL

FROM:
VERAKLECOWSKY, WA1JYO
LOIS GUTSHALL, WB3EFQ

A donation was received in loving memory of Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL from her cousin, Adele E. Meyer and family.

Thank you Anne Duffy, KB2CIZ for you friendship donation to the scholarship fund.

Please check out the center section of this issue for our 2 Scholarship winners! Sincere thanks to all the YLs and OMs who made the 2011 YLRL scholarship drive a success. I will be looking forward to the 2014 drive and convention celebrating the 75th year of YLRL.

For details of the 2011 YLRL scholarship drive report, please contact Marte, K0EPE directly.

To obtain information and application for applying for the YLRL Scholarships-send letter or QSL card before the **MARCH 31, 2012 DEADLINE** to:

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc.
Scholarship Chairman, Mr. Dave Prestel, W8AJR



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Marte K0EPE

In Our Thoughts

Tina Check W8HBI is now a SK.

Kathleen Mary Freeman, KL7PL (66), passed away October 2,2011 at Providence Alaska Medical Center.

The Alabama Association of Emergency Managers announced an award in honor of Tom Moore, WX4TM. The Alfred T. Moore, Jr Memorial Volunteer Award. Mary, WX4MM says, "I am so proud and so honored to be able to be there."



President's Message de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ



It hardly seems possible that 2 years have passed since I assumed the position of President of YLRL. It has been a fun time as I have met many of you at Hamfests and at the convention in Boston in 2011. Our organization continues to attract new members even as many YL's and OM's have "never heard about us".

I want to thank sincerely all the officers and committee persons who served with me these last 2 years. Without dedicated volunteers to take leadership roles we cannot survive. Behind the scenes work is crucial and they have stepped up to the plate. We had a wonderful convention thanks to Ann WB1ARU and her committee, we will have a newly designed website thanks to input from Cheryl, N0WBV; Anne, WB1ARU; Nancy, KC4IYD, and Carol, IC4SAF; and the work of Yvonne, Vai and Marianne

and we have new officers ready to lead the next term.

My best wishes to Doshia, KB0NAS and Linda, I<C8PI<Y, as they assume the offices.

Lastly, I want to give special recognition to someone who has worked tirelessly for one of the goals of YLRL, the scholarship program. Foi' many, many years MartE Wessel KOEPE has served as chair of this committee and organized the raffles for each convention year to add to the fund.

She has kept meticulous records and through her efforts our scholarship fund has grown. We provide 2 \$1500 awards each year to deserving young ladies and since the inception of the award over has been given out.

Marte, KOEPE, has decided it is time to turn the job over and I am pleased to announce that Linda Hynan,

AC5QQ, has graciously accepted to chair the program. I am sure she will continue to serve this program well and don't think the Marte is fading into the woodwork.. .she will continue to do the raffle in the convention years. To quote "that is my baby"

Kay Eyman, WA0WOF, has served as Marte's co-chair, and she also has asked to step down at this time. I want to thank both Marte and Kay for all their work on behalf of YLRL and the recipients of the awards.

Thank you to all the members of YLRL for a great 2 years and I hope to meet many of you on the air or eyeball sometime. Let's keep YLRL strong and talk it up to others. Let other hams know about YLRL and volunteer to fill a position when asked.

Best holiday wishes to all.
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Lois WB3EFQ

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Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

It is my sincere wishes that everyone had a good Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I just read a few days ago that there are over 700,000 Amateur Radio Operators in the USA now—an all time high and the number is growing each week! It appears Amateur Radio Operators are getting the word out there just how much fun ham radio is.

If someone may be interested in becoming a ham, invite them to your shack and let them see you operate or take them you your local club during a meeting. Better still invite them to go

with you to a Hamfest.

It is the start of a new year and that means another round of Hamfest. I love going to Hamfest. I like seeing what's up for sale and I like strolling though what some hams call the boneyard or flea market area.

The first big Hamfest in the south is Hamcation in Orlando, FL on February 10,11 and 12. Hamcation is sponsored by The OARC (Orlando Amateur Radio Club) W4PLB. This is a very good Hamfest and I encourage all who can to attend.

The next good Hamfest in my area is the Dalton, GA Hamfest

on February 25th. The Dalton Hamfest is sponsored by the DARC (Dalton Amateur Radio Club) W4DRC.

Then of course the one everyone waits on each year is the Dayton Hamvention on May 18, 19 and 20. Ham vention is sponsored by DARA (Dayton Amateur Radio Association) W8BI.

I hope to see many of you in my travels this year. If you have anything you wish for me to include in my next column feel free to email me with the information.

Until next time!
73 & 88 Emily, WE4MB

Changes and Corrections

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Carol Kirk, I<A5GIS-was mistakenly put with District 7 instead of District 5 in the Directory. Please look for her information there. It will be corrected for the next one.

Corrections & Changes

If someone you know is not getting their YL-Harmonics please send corrections to the Carol, K4SAF, our US Receiving Treasurer or for DX send to Rose-Marie, ICB4RM, our DX Treasurer (See front cover for info) and let us know which issues were missed. Sometimes the issue comes back with either "Unknown" or "No Forwarding address" and we have no way of knowing how to contact the member. Our best hope is to list someone in "Missing in Action" and hope someone can help with updates. Please update your records and those of any YLs you sponsor each year to stay current.

Also if you send dues or address corrections to the return address on your envelopes, they will be delayed. The permit is held by the Editor who has to then send the information on to the correct parties. Thank you -The Editor



District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



We have been blessed with a very mild fall here in New England, except for the "Snowtober" storm on Halloween weekend that dumped up to 3 feet of snow from western Connecticut to southern Maine. Leafy trees and heavy wet snow meant massive power outages across the region.

Many hams were activated at local emergency centers including KA1JVN, Hennie and her OM, KU1Q, Walt. They spent 3 days assisting with communications and at the shelter. Fortunately the storm occurred before they left for their winter home in Florida, giving them time to make sure that everything was OK with their house in CT.

WRONE held its annual Fall Luncheon celebrating their 55th

Anniversary on November 5 at ins; the group welcomes any YL to join!
the Westford Grille in Westford MA. The group enjoyed a good meal followed by a brief business meeting. Swaps, door prizes and raffle gifts were received to the enjoyment of all.

WRONE is restarting "Secret Pals" for the new year. Those who are interested should contact the Vice President for more information. New officers for 2012 were announced: President - W1JX, Bobbie; Vice President - KA1JVN, Hennie; Treasurer - WB1ARU, Anne; Secretary - N1BLR, Judy; Membership - KAI VAX, Betsey; Net - WB1ARU, Anne; Hospitality - K4IJK, Janice.

The Yankee Lassies Net continues each Wednesday morning at 8:30 am ET on 3.910. There are 4 to 5 regular check-

W1JX, Bobbie and her OM, W1QU, Tom were able to enjoy a two-week trip to Hawaii in late November. They stayed at the Hale Koa Hotel on Waikiki where they soaked up sunshine and warmth to tide them through a Maine winter.

WB1ARU, Anne is busy helping with her granddaughter Isabella a couple of days a week. She has been in the shack for Tangle Net a few times. She loves to hold the Mic, but only talks when the radio is not on!

Best wishes for the New Year to everyone. Send news to W1JX, Bobbie for the next issue of YL Harmonics as soon as possible!

Thanks to Anne, WB1ARU for help with the column.-Ed.

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when you are in FL. I am right up the road at Sun City Center, ha. How I would love to have a home in GA or NC but we did take the RV up to the mountains for 5 weeks at least. I got a kick out of your comment on the cooler weather, it was 92 yesterday and low of 78 last night, so no cool WX yet."

Well, Rose, I would love an eyeball lunch with you too! Let's do it!

Myra Kitchen, K3PGH, writes: "I am going to try and get a booth at The Orlando Hamfest next year 2012. I no longer will be at the ARRL booth and I want to do something that weekend.

Last year I was at the QCWA booth but they were pretty crowded so I thought since I never saw a YLRL booth there, it might be fun.

My OM, Jeff Beals has emailed the committee for prices. I'll be at the Tampa Hamfest in DEC. I will not be doing a YLRL forum this year since past years have been poorly attended."

Myra, I applaud your efforts at aiming to have a YLRL booth at the Orlando Hamfest. I will try and attend and give you some help and I hope all the YLs will stop by and sign in or sign up!!!

Well ladies, that is it for this time. Once again, I remind you all to try and send me some news and pictures if possible. I enjoy hearing from everyone.

Until next time ... GOTA and 73

Joan Jones, W4JMJ



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Greetings, Ladies!

I hope you have been on the air enjoying the nice band conditions. I've had the opportunity to participate in a few of the contests, like November Sweepstakes and CQWW DX. The bands were beautiful, and I was really pleased to work so many Pacific Stations. It's hard for us in NJ to get into ASIA and the PACIFIC, sometimes!

In November, one of the local clubs, East Coast DX Association played host to the Hudson Division Awards Luncheon. We had 105 attend this awards Luncheon where we honored 4 special Hams (Ham of the Year, Grand Ole Ham, Technical Achievement and a Director's Award for Special Achievement). It was a very nice affair! And of course, it would not have been possible without all of those who volunteered to help in many capacities.

Even some of our YLRL ladies were among the attendees like, Antje, N2OMA; Mary Ann, K2RVH; Rachel, AJ4WD; Heidi, W2MLW; Josephine, WB2EKV; Carol, N3CWR; and Kelley KC2SKL. Thank you ladies for your support!



Mary Ann, K2RVH and Gene, K2KJI



Steve, W2ML & Heidi, W2MLW at the Awards Luncheon



2011 Awards Winners Group

The BARA Babes have been busy on the air with their weekly nets on two meters. The word is out that the BARA OM's have challenged the BABES to skeet shooting challenge. This should be very interesting! I'll let you know how this all turns out!

Earlier this month, I have been on the road traveling to many of the annual Club

Antje, N2OMA and Hal, AK2E

Holiday Socials throughout the Division. It's nice to share time with the club members and their families. Unfortunately, some of my traveling has been curtailed due to a nasty Infection that I picked up. I've been under the weather for the past week and a half. Hopefully, I can recover in time to celebrate the holidays with my family. I look forward, especially to being with my 3 year old Grandson! He's quite the little "Ham" and so much fun!

There are a few things happening in Amateur Radio that bare watching closely. If you follow the ARRL Website www.arrl.org you will see stories on the NTSB - and distracted Driving plus breaking news on HR3606 - and how this applies to Amateur Radio and what it means for all of us.

To all of you, I would love to hear from you! Drop me a line and let me know what you did during the holiday, if you got on the air; who you worked; what presents you received this holiday, etc!

I wish you all a very Happy Holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

73/
Joyce KA2ANF

No Picture
at this
time

District Three News de Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN



Well, this has been a very busy year. I met with Jacque Gosselin, N3ZEL, at a shooting event, and she asked me if I would be interested in being the Chairperson of District 3. I told her that I would be, but I would like to know more about it. She told me what she did for the YLRL, and it did interest me. What I didn't know is that she was having health problems.

We found out that she passed away the beginning of July. It really saddened all of us. Ed, Jacque's partner and Cathy, KB3OYS-Jacque's good friend decided to have a memorial for her. Cathy then spoke to me about it and it turned into a memorial picnic.

We invited everyone in District 3, the members of the WACOM club that she belonged to, and family and friends. We had the picnic in October and it was a success.

We raffled off a gift basket and asked for donations for the YLRL. We were able to donate \$210.00 to the scholarship fund. I will be sending in an additional donation, because people keep giving us donations in Jacque's name. All of Jacque's friends and family are so giving. She was really blessed.

Getting back to the picnic, Ed had his friend Gary Graham AB3HO play Jacque's guitar and sang some songs. Bob Spak, WC3P showed up with his fiancé Lisa and his accordion

and joined in with the music. Everyone ate a lot of yummy food and really enjoyed the music. I am sure Jacque was there and enjoying every minute. The pics show all of the good fun we had.



The N3ZEL Memorial Picnic

Our fair president Lois Gutshall e-mailed me to let me know that her and her OM took a cruise to Nova Scotia. Lucky gal!!! I don't understand why she didn't invite me hi hi.

We are all looking at Thanksgiving and Christmas right now and I hope that all of you have a blessed and relaxing holiday season this year.

Please e-mail me, [REDACTED] with what you are all up to these days so that we can share them with each other in the Harmonics. I am working on a Face Book page for District 3. I will have it up and running by the beginning of January. Some of us (me) are older and need our 22 year old daughter to teach me about all of this. One last thing I want to add is I did receive my General ticket.

73's
Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN





District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ



Greetings district 4 YLs:

I trust everyone had a great summer and is transitioning into Fall as well as looking forward to Winter! Time goes fast when you're having fun! I did manage to spend some quality time on the rig this summer while up in the north Georgia mountains. My most exciting moment was when I was able to work Saudi Arabia and Israel on the same night! All on a double extended Zepp up 30 feet and running barefoot!!!! Isn't amateur radio great! On that note I give you the news that was so kindly sent to me from some fine YLs in district 4:

Mary Moore WX4MM writes: "My son Thomas, W4MTM, and I flew to Alaska and traveled the state in motorhome we rented. Picked up Deanna Barbarick, KL7IZJ, and she traveled to Seward and Homer with us. Had a great time. Highlight of the trip was landing at the base camp on Mt. McKinley in Denali Park.



*Mary, WX4MM and Tom,
W4MTM at Denali*

It was awesome. We stayed with Rosemary Hanrath, KL7LA, the first night we arrived. Had breakfast with Dave, I<L7M, the morning of the day we had to fly out. Wish we still lived up there.

"Connie Beckwith, KJ4UNA, got the plaque for High Score Alabama YL in the Alabama QSO Party 2011. Unfortunately, we have never been able to give out the plaque for High Score YL outside of Alabama. Sure wish we had more YL's participating in the state QSO Parties. Operators have to make at least 100 QSO's to get a plaque for Alabama."

Well Mary, it sounds like you and your Son really had a great time in Alaska. And I agree with you ... more YLs on the radio would be nice!

Kay Craigie, N3KN, writes: "It has been a busy time! I visited the ARRL Midwest Division Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the QCWA National Convention in Warwick, Rhode Island, and the W9DXCC Convention near Chicago, Illinois.

But the biggest trip was to Tokyo for the Japan Amateur Radio League's Ham Fair. Carter, N3AO and I spent a week in Japan conferring with amateur radio officials there. The Ham Fair is the largest amateur radio convention in Asia, similar to Dayton in the USA and Friedrichshafen in Europe.

One of the nice surprises was

meeting Nori Tokura, 7K3EOP, chair of the Japan Ladies Radio Society, and other members of JLRS.

I enjoyed all this travelling but am happy to be home and looking forward to getting on the air, chasing some DX, and working some contests. 33 to all."

Whee, Kay, you certainly did some serious travelling and I also agree with you about GOTA!

Dot Beam, K4PPS writes: "It is hard to believe summer is ending, but the cooler weather is a plus. My daughter Ann and I just got back from a wonderful trip to Mew Mexico.

A friend of hers teaches on the Navajo Indian Reservation there so we got to visit a mission where she and her parents, who are missionaries, live. We drove through AR, OK and TX and came back through CO, KS and AR where my son and his family live. The weather was perfect, and we really enjoyed our visit."

Well, Dot, I am happy for you that you were able to enjoy such a fine trip and visit with loved ones too. I'm also looking forward to another fine lunch with you on my next trip back to Georgia!

Rose Porter writes: "Hi Joan, I don't have any news but I have promised myself to meet up with you one of the winters

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District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello,

All is well in Mississippi foggy and warm usual weather for us will probably be freezing next week then warm up again. Hope you all are fine and ready for the Holiday's. Thanks to the Ladies in 5 land you have some nice articles hope you enjoy reading.

Brownwood, TX - WA5GLM Ami

We had a wonderful time at the TYLRUN Anniversary Party in Oklahoma. It's always so good to see old friends, and we're so appreciative of all the efforts that went into planning and putting it together.

Antenna woes multiply as our beam has busted its hitchin' strap again and has a serious list to one side. Oh well—perhaps that's why God created bucket trucks...
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Moore, Oklahoma - NX5A Dee

Just a quick note as we are headed to Guthrie, OK.

I did manage to get on the radio and participate in the Route 66 on the Air 2011 with my husband and I managed to get 8 contacts plus a roving station on the 2 limited times I got to take part on the radio. Conditions seemed to be poorer this year; and am/are busier this year, so neither of us did particularly well on that contest.

I send my love to all, and please do make an extra contact or two for us. I know we won't always be so busy, and are happy that our radio is always at the ready anytime we can make a contact or two.
73's and 88's to all

DeSota, TX - W5MWK Joyce

Doing well! Just ups & downs
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with my new kidney if I do not drink a ton of water.

Had new hard wood flooring put in my house we had to get rid of carpet due to allergies. House looks new and even looks bigger with the light color wood we put in. Boy! Talk about a job of moving all the items out of each room so they could do the work. It was well worth it.

Best of 33

San Antonio, TX - W7PBR Dottie

The last few months I have missed all our radio meetings. Got more bad news when I got my eyes checked last month, I have cataracts in both eyes but he wants to wait 2 years for my Medicare to start and then do the surgery. The right eye is worse than the left so maybe I can hold off 2 years for Medicare.

Our ladies' net has just about come to a halt. They go to the meetings, talk the talk, but when it comes time for action they all have excuses. Still, I hope tilings will change one day and that is all anyone can do. Take care.

Seminole, OI< - KC5RWW Beth

I didn't know I was going to Ham Holiday in Oklahoma City until a few days before that Friday. We arrived about 20 minutes after the doors opened. Right away I saw some YLs I know selling their handcrafts right by the front door. I knew more people this year.

The section manager that talked to me on Field Day was there so I visited with him a minute. He said the picture of me should be

on the website in a few weeks.

There's a group that meets on 6M Tuesday evenings. Last time we met someone called me "net control." So I guess I have "arrived".

We have 4 to 6 check-ins and one is very new to ham radio, but not new to communications.

July 221 made 43 contacts, 13 being 6M. I've been told this is the best time for 6M so I'm trying to get as many as I can. A friend loaded a logging program on my computer but I'm having trouble letting go of my pencil and paper. Too many times I've accidentally hit a key and lost everything in non-radio activities.

I went to a Jamboree on the Air site about 25 miles from home in a nearby town. Only the scout leader/radio club president was there.

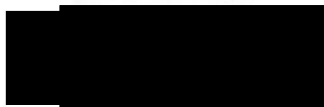
I helped him set up an antenna and radio. A few hours later another ham showed up. At 3:00 another ham and his scout son came. They brought another radio and antenna.

I made 5 contacts on 40M in the Iowa QSO party. Didn't hear any scouts. I let someone else have the radio. It was moved to 20M and multiple contacts were made to German scouts. Two more hams came including a YL that had never been on HF. Her first QSO was with a German station.

My OM's days off are changing to Thursday-Saturday. He doesn't care to go to ham events so my participation in those events will decrease somewhat. But I'll be able to get on the radio more on Sunday

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New YLRL Members
de Anne Manna, WBIARU-Secretary



New Members for November/December 2011

DISTRICT 2

N2OKA Candice (Candy) Duell



Candy is active on the bands with her General license and Facebook.

DISTRICT 3

Renewal

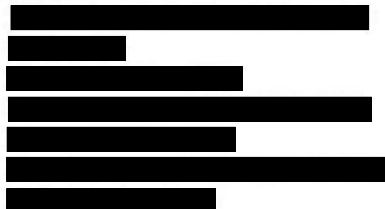
W3GZZ Lynnette Evans



Lynnette is a software engineer with a General license. She is on 2m and 440. Her OM is N3UD Paul.

DISTRICT 4

AK4EO Christina Blaisdell



Christine holds an Extra class license and is active on all bands. She and OM John KJ4QOB enjoy working the bands as a team.

KL2LU Jennifer Moody



Jennifer is a writer from a ham family. Father is N4EAA Gerald and boyfriend Mike is KL2LV. She holds a Tech license.

DISTRICT 6

Rejoining



Anne is a member of LARA and works as a Nutritionist. She is active on 2 meters. YLRL welcomes her back!

DISTRICT 9

KC9URR Carolyn Lysandrou



Carolyn has been a shortwave DXer and is looking forward to DXing as a ham. She holds a brand new Technician license. Her daughters are also studying for their licenses. She is a former professor.

YLRL welcomes each of you and we all hope to hear you on the air soon!

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afternoons. The 22nd is a hamfest in Ardmore, south of me. I hope to go; with or without him. 73

Gulfport, MS - KB5MZ Southern Mississippi YL

The ladies held their Election of officer for the New Year 2012- Pres. Megin, K5IJ; Vice Pres. Gene, AE5FB; Sec. Sue, AA5YL; Treas. BJ, KB5CSQ. The group has lots of plans for the New Year - electrical classes, training on LOTW, helping the new ones on radio operations and contesting and operating special events stations.

The group held their annual Christmas party with 26 attending nice set down dinner with all the trimmings.

The awards committee presented plaques and certificates to the past officers and to Megin I-5IJ the YL of the year. Dee, WB5OHN Most net check-ins, many certificates given for member participation in the Lighthouse Event and Field Day.

This year we also presented the OM with Supporter certificates for all their help getting us set up for all our operating events and monetary help with all functions.

A special Thank You goes to Mariah, KF5CMB for hand drawing the special certificates this year. Check out our new web page SMY-LAR.ORG. Also get on the air and work us for a contact.

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Well that is all for now hoping you all have a very special time with your family and friends Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

BJ, KB5CSQ



District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

Happy Fall DE 6 YLs!

While it wasn't a highly eventful Summer, I did do some Ham-related stuff. The OM and I attended an August meet of the Military Radio Collector's Group-West at the Santa Paula Airport, about an hour northwest of Los Angeles.

The meet drew lots of Ventura County and Santa Barbara Hams who don't normally get a chance to travel down to Fort MacArthur in San Pedro, where we hold our winter meets.

I also made an effort to dive into CW through a class sponsored by the ARES-Northeast District. Our own Dr. Kate Hutton, K6HTN was the instructor.

While I completed the class time, I wasn't able to carve out the time outside of class to practice—so for me, it will be back to the drawing board (or CWOnline, whichever comes first!). But the tools and tips given by Dr. Kate will serve me well when I can dive in again and attempt to swim, instead of puppy paddle.

Dr. Kate is quite an accomplished lady, both in and outside of Amateur Radio. She is featured in the November World Radio Online YL column, so if you like to read that publication, check out the article.

Donna Hinshaw, AG6V is also noting the seasonal change, as well as reflective of her activities over the past few months:

"Definitely noticing the change of seasons here in the North Bay area (wine country of Sonoma County). And noticing the HF bands changing too: improving.

Currently chasing QSOs with the DXpedition of T32C in Eastern Kiribati (the area where Amelia Earhart is believed to have gone down in 1937 near Nikumaroro Island, which is in the Republic of Kiribati). I'm an Earhart fan, so it is fun pushing the envelope of the bands and my antennas. Have CW contacts on 10M, 12M, 15M, 17M, 20M, and 30M.

"Missed the YLs during the recent YLDX contest—didn't hear any YLs on HF and no one

answered my CQs. Maybe we could have a specific frequency suggested in the contest rules at which to gather?

But other state contests have been hopping: MO, AR, SC, CA and NY. The CA QSO Party has a YL category, and the NY QSO Party has a Rookie category, so they're good places to join in the fun. And several have 2M categories as well as HF.

"Practicing my CW almost daily, and hope to have a QSO with some YLs on HF soon."

Donna, AG6V

Donna, you're doing way better than me—you go! I need to hook up with her once I get better at CW—she'd make a great practice buddy.

After an accident that totaled her car and rig, Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL was able to replace both! She's included photos of her mobile rig, along with some Events she was able to attend this Fall.

"Here are photos of my HF mobile set-up. I've positioned everything so that I do not need to take my eyes off the road to operate the radio. The HF antenna is a Little Tarheel 2, and we added some handy markings to the antenna coil that I can see in my side-view mirror.

The F-857D is mounted underneath the passenger seat, and the control head is mounted on top of the center console. The antenna control is mounted just

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First Annual K6HTN CW Class (Photo courtesy of Judith Marsh K6FRG)

Scholarship Winners 2011



Sarah, KE5WEJ

Sarah, KE5WEJ is 18 and a student at the University of Houston where she majors in Mathematics. She holds a Technician class Amateur Radio License from the FCC. She has enjoyed many aspects of Amateur Radio including Field Day activities. Sarah also teaches piano. She hopes to eventually teach at the university level.

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Lauren, KC2LR

Lauren, KC2LR is 19 years old and a junior at Cornell majoring in Biological Sciences with a minor in Electrical Engineering. Lauren holds an Extra class license, participates in public service events and contests and enjoys RTTY.



Lauren, KC2LR

2012-2013 Officers

Results of Election of Officers for 2012-2013

The following candidates were elected by ballots sent to the Secretary by mail.

President	KB0NAS Doshia Kretke
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US Receiving Treasurer	K4SAF Carol Laferty
DX Receiving Treasurer	KB4RM Rose Marie Battig
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District Chairwoman 2	KA2ANF Joyce Birmingham
District Chairwoman 3	KB3VEN Cecelia Bastone
District Chairwoman 4	W4JMJ Joan Jones
District Chairwoman 5	KB5CSQ Betty Jo (BJ) Byrd
District Chairwoman 6	IQ6OIL Jennifer O'Connell
District Chairwoman 7	KE7WEN Marilyn Melhorn
District Chairwoman 8	KC8SQM Annette Wood
District Chairwoman 9	WB9RUS Carole Burke
District Chairwoman 10	N0WBV Cheryl Muhr
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District Chairwoman VE	VE7IM Suzanne Snape

Respectfully submitted.

WB1ARU Anne E. Manna, Secretary

Vice President
Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV



YL Contests, Nets and Hamfest Booths

Please note the following net changes and information:

The Two Rivers YL net may have been accidentally dropped from the list of 2-meter nets in the directory issue. It is Wed. at 8:30 p.m. local time on 147.24+

CHANGED- The MINOW Net which meets Friday mornings on 3.912 has changed time from 8:00 AM local time to 9:00 AM Local.

CHANGED-DX-YL net will meet on either 14.288 or 21.400 from now on due to band conditions. We will meet on 14.288 to start and then go to 15m so everyone knows the new frequency at first.

For the 2012 YL Contests including those of YLRL, please check out pages 26-27 of this issue!



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS



Winter is on the way. We had a light frost last night and there was a nip in the air when we took our morning walk. I hope you all had a great summer and are ready for winter activities.

MINOW Net continues with two or three of us every Friday morning. Last Friday there were FOUR (almost FIVE of us as Marilyn WE7WEN listened but couldn't be heard). I was especially pleased to hear Marilyn WA7SUG check in. It's been a couple of years at least. She and her husband have been working at a mission in Mexico but have decided to return to Oregon to retire and are traveling around in their Mobil Home. Last week she checked in from Sumpter Valley, a charming historic town in Eastern Oregon. We're looking forward to hearing her again. And I'm hoping other old timers will give us a call.

Darlene KE7TQS has a new antenna, a NVIS that seems to work very well for 75 meters (3.912 for MINOW Net). She reports that she participated in the Tsunami test, a monthly event, on Labor Day on the Long Beach Peninsula in Pacific County. "We used the repeater system. I was assigned a station to report the results of the siren, voice, and chime warning."

She worked the Washington Salmon Run QSL party with 144 contacts - good going Darlene.

"Claudia KL0HI did her usual great job on the MINOW Net

Fall Newsletter in September. She spent last winter in Council, Alaska but this winter they are exchanging cold and snow for wet but milder Brookings, OR.

Here is some news of MINOW members from the Newsletter:

KK7VO wrote: Field day with the Palouse hills group was fun although we did not make as many contacts as last year. I also went to the annual camp-out sponsored by the local repeater group. Other than a trip to Oregon Coast and a trip to southern California to see Mom, I didn't do much exciting this summer.

Rose KL7FQQ wrote: We had a good summer with 2 weeks in Alaska and Betty KL7FJW reported she spent most of June and July out at the house (on Prince Edward Island). Only one day last year so she had a good summer.

Claudia also included notes from our two DX adoptees, Marie ZS6CEZ in South Africa and Sitsa V3AGQ in Greece.

Marie wrote: Hallo ... Our summer have arrived and we have had lots of fires here. I bought myself a car and so far I Am lucky to have drivers and Freckle (her Seeing Eye dog) loves to travel in the car.

Sitsa wrote that she has been ill this past year "And I have not any radio activity due to all these problems" but she enjoys being a member of YLRL.

There were two events that the 2 Rivers YL participated in this fall - The Race for the Cure in Portland and the CCARC Ham Fair.

Marilyn KE7WEN commented, "It was such a pleasure to work with the communications team (for the Race for the Cure) and the all the runners for this important event. This being my first time volunteering I was very surprised at the number of participants- both volunteers and "racers". The crowd and the energy that morning were awesome."

Marilyn also commented that the CCARC Ham Fair in September went very well. There was a YL table there with women coming and signing our list - it was a good opportunity to invite them to join some of the YL nets throughout the U.S. and also get to know a few more YLs.

This is my last column as I've decided it's time for someone else to have the opportunity to be 7th District Chairwoman. I've really enjoyed it. Thanks to everyone who sent me news. I hope more of you will send in your activities - please keep our new chairwoman well informed about what YOU have been doing!

33 SARA AB7PS



District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM



My Grandson, Major Joshua S Ritenour, MD is home from his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. He was in a Spanish Hospital in charge of the American people there. He is now home with his wife and 7-month-old daughter in KS.

We went to MD for Thanksgiving and got to talk to Josh when he called his Mom, also I got to see the two Great Grandsons on Skype

there. Josh's wife sent an email of the baby kicking and baby talking that I saw while there. Unfortunately, my car antenna won't tune so I was unable to get on the air.

Keep the Service people in your thoughts and prayers.

I'm on OSSBN as much as possible and try Tangle Net most Thursdays at 1800 on 14.297. Hope to hear you there.

Merry Christmas Love and a Very Happy New Year,
33/76, Connie, N8IO

My husband Jim and I are celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary December 16th. We are having a party at our church and look forward to seeing numerous friends and relatives.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
33 & 73 Annette KC8SQM

District 6 News Continued
to the left of the car's radio (not visible in the photo.)



*AB6YL
Outside
Mobile rig*

I invested in a Yaesu HLS-100 external speaker that is mounted at the bottom of the center console and is well worth the price. Listen for me on the YLRL Thursday night HF nets. I've been able to work Anne, WB1ARU, in Hanover, MA and several other YLs on the net while I commute home on the 405 Freeway near Westwood, CA.

*AB6YL Mobile
rig*



"Here is another picture that I took at the ARRL Southwest

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Division Convention held in over the 9/11 weekend in Torrance, CA. Kate Hutton, K6HTN (from Caltech) and another lady—I believe Alice Bennett, K6BNT, were actively passing traffic during the convention.



*Kate Hutton-K6HTN and
Alice Bennett-K6BNT*

We are used to seeing Kate on TV after an earthquake—now she is Section Traffic Manager and a net operator for the National Traffic System.

"Kate was given an award at the banquet for her work on behalf the Ham community—it is in front of her in the photo."

33, Ginger

And Carol Milazzo, KP4MD was busy with her OM Roger, KI6FYF, preparing a video presentation on "An Insider's

Tour of the Arecibo Observatory" for Pacificon 2011:

"The video presentation was very well received at Pacificon 2011.

The video (with closed captioning) is now publicly viewable on <http://www.youtube.com/kp4md>

"Pacificon 2011 was a resounding success with over 1,600 registered attendees. The attached photo of Roger, Joe Taylor, and myself was taken at the Saturday night Awards Banquet where Joe was the featured speaker.



Carol, KP4MD at Pacificon (Photo Courtesy of Carol Milazzo KP4MD)

33, Carol KP4MD/6

I hope all you ladies are settling into the changes, and that this note finds you happy and healthy. Here are my wishes for a Merry Holiday Season!

33,
Jennifer, KI6OIL



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



Happy Holidays everyone!!!! I can't believe that Christmas is almost here again!!!! Didn't we just do this a couple of months ago? I thought we did. Oh well, I can't POSSIBLY be getting older! Nah, I didn't think so.

I am sorry to report adoptee, Celia, ZL1ALK's spouse, Geoff, ZL1AKY became a silent key in August. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her and her family.

Carolyn, KC9URR sent this picture along with her membership. She is a new member. Her email is [REDACTED]

She's studying for her Extra now, although she hasn't been a General long at all.

She is very active with her family and this week has been in Nashville with her daughter, who sings.



Carol, KC9URR and her family

To catch everyone up, we had our last Fox Hunt

of the Season in November- unfortunately we didn't win. Well, to be honest, we couldn't because we were the fox. But, we also didn't win for the year. Oh well, there is always next year.

The Fort Wayne Radio Club YL net on the .76 repeater on Wednesday evenings is going great. We have about 5 or 6 regular check-ins and a few drop-ins, even some O.M.s and they are always welcome. Our regulars include, Linda, W9LAN; Christi, AE9PC; Pat, KC9PXC; Anne, KA9YYI; Kim, ICB9DOS; Susie, KB9WVO; and sometimes Barb, W9WOZ. We cover most subjects, from cooking, fox hunting, the holidays and world problems. You give us a topic and we can solve it for you!

The Fort Wayne Hamfest was November 19 and 20 and seems to have been a success. I was asked again to host a forum for YLRL and was happy to do it. We had a good turn out of ladies and got a lot of interactions with the ladies. I like forums like that when I can get everyone involved. Kind of like our nets.

Ladies who checked in at our YLRL table were, Pam,

K9JMA; Sarah, ICC9AYT; Rhonda, WS9H; Sandra, KA9AMB; Yvette, VE4YVT; and WJ9C. It was so nice to see all these ladies again. They are all becoming old friends. That's one of the best things about hamfests.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah or whatever holiday you celebrate at this time of year. Have a very happy and safe New Year. See you all in 2012.

33, Carole, WB9RUS

Don't forget to send news!
Also remember you may have a new District Chairwoman.
Check the center section of this issue for your 2012-2013 YLRL Officers



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS



Greetings from District 10!

Looking back over the year, amateur radio has been a real highlight for me. The Thursday night YL net has been going very well, I think, and I have actually been able to check into it several times, especially spring and fall when it came shortly after sunset.

Unfortunately, those times are rather short, so I don't catch the whole net, but they are very nice. Also, we seem to have a portable set-up that actually has a better signal—maybe it's time to replace the cable on the old stand-by? That is going on the list of things to do when the weather is warmer.

Sometimes, when I cannot be heard all the way to the coasts, someone will pick me up from another location and relay. I have enjoyed listening on many of the occasions when I can't be heard. Check page 5 of your September/October *Harmonics* for a listing of DXYL and North

American YL nets and listen in!

It was a busy fire season for our area, fortunately not as bad as in the states south of us (Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma). The season really started the previous fall, with a wild fire that destroyed more houses than any other in state history. We had no precipitation until March, with another fire causing evacuations in the city of Boulder proper. The acres of burned slopes then became a threat of flooding, and spring and summer passed in watchfulness with happily only minor incidents. All this did give us lots of reason to upgrade our capabilities and to practice our emergency communication skills.

The national convention in Boston (actually, just south of Boston, in Quincy, pronounced "Quinzy," I learned) was wonderful. Anne Manna, WB1ARU and her team put together a thoroughly enjoyable time, and gave me occasion to

visit an area I had never been before. YL's, I have found, are made up of a wide variety of really nice people. And now, after weeks with snow on the ground (very rare in Boulder), the heat of the summer is a refreshing memory. Another to do for the future list: Conferences happen about every 3 years. And another "to do": With the Dayton Hamvention® in May in 2012, I am malting plans to go there.

An outcome of the conference was that I agreed to run for President. I feel rather like the little engine that could right now, totally not big enough, but willing to try, and knowing that those who really know will keep me on the right path. That means I will be leaving the District 10 chairwomanship, in good hands, I know. Thank you, Cheryl.

Let me know what's happening out there!
33,73
Doshia, KBONAS

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One field we usually get 4 ton from produced only 1 ton. We usually harvest 2000 pumpkins and this year only 50. However, our cucumbers were the best ever due to constant moisture and self-pollinating. As a result we pickled from August 8th to October 12*, day and night. I made 100 dozen for my son's farm roadside store. Also, 400 for my own sales at Christmas.

So, not all was bad and our health was good. I was able to celebrate my 88* with some visiting kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. Another great-granddaughter born in the States in August and another to arrive in January in Alberta. That will make 18 greats !!

I enjoy the YLDX Net on Mondays with Rose-Marie, KB4RM 33 Merle, VE1VCI

Appologies are in order to Jeanne Gordon. No matter how many times I check my database which shows her name correctly, it gets changed during printing to the wrong name of Joanne. We are certain the database is correct, so my computer must be haunted or else spellcheck doesn't listen when I say "YES, I am sure I want to spell it Jeanne". So sorry! -Ed.



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



Amateur Radio is a great hobby and has something for everyone. Many people, like myself, enjoy chatty communication with friends while others tend more toward the many certificates and awards offered, Dxpedititions, participating in contests and all the many technical aspects.

We are certainly a diverse, worldwide group of people. I spent 4 happy days, this past July, with just such a group in Quincy, MA, at the YLRL Convention.

It was a well-organized gathering of YLs and I was delighted to be in their company. I was most fortunate to be able to visit ARRL Headquarters before returning home and enjoyed a very informative tour of their facility.

A visit to W1AW was the highlight, for me, as I had tuned in that station every day when learning my CW in 2002. Obtaining my licence that year and claiming David's callsign certainly opened up a whole new world for me.

It has given me the opportunity to stay in touch with his many friends. It has also given me a chance to meet YLs both on the air and in person, a chance to travel and many, many happy memories. I am already looking forward to the next gathering in 2014!!

Had a nice visit with Diana, VE7XYL and Frank, VE7AV, who live in Prince George in northern British Columbia. They dropped by for lunch with

me while visiting Vancouver Island. George, VE7MCK, and Margaret invited me for dinner to celebrate George's 50**' year in Amateur Radio. Don, VE7ABL, was there, as well, celebrating his 50th year.

It is quite a milestone for each of them and truly amazing when you think of all the changes in communications within those 50 years. Have only just heard of Paulette's dreadful motor vehicle accident last August. I wish her well and hope the warm California sun will help her to recover nicely this coming winter.

2011 has been a great year for me. My very best wishes to one and all. Keep safe and be happy. 33 de Suzanne VE7IM

Paulette - VE7VPE wiites:

It seems like summer took so long to get here, got here for a while and now it is fall. Since I last wrote our daughter Adriana (VE7PUP) gave birth to our third grandchild a little girl, Lauren on August 6th. Our son Martin (VA7MOB) got married the next day, August 7th and unfortunately for us the following day Monday August 8th, we were in the wrong place at the wrong time in our truck and were hit from behind by a big Mack container truck. I fared the worst being taken to the hospital with a concussion and whiplash. It has been a long slow recovery and I'm still not able to drive a car. But it could

have been worse, could have happened the week before and then I would have missed seeing our granddaughter only a few hours old and our son get married. So I'm thankful. The truck was repairable and so am I.

Not much has been happening other than that. My OM John (VE7TI) managed to get the tower up in the back yard and is in the process of installing antennae. What he has managed to install so far has had him talking with Australia and Europe and other locations—places he was never able to reach before. Still more to go on the tower but that will come later. Paulette VE7VPE/VA7PMS

Elizabeth - VE7YL writes:

Field day was fun. I opened up the club CW station and did 6 hours then turned out at 5:30am on the Sunday morning and operated until the end of the contest. Don't remember our score but am looking forward to seeing how we did when the results get published in QST. Ann, VE3HAI, and Bare are here in Vancouver and we got together for dinner on Monday night.

Managed to work the STOR for a new entity in August and now waiting for a card so I can submit that to ARRL. Also took my DXCC YL CLARA plaque in to have it engraved with 260 - with bands the way they are now I can

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see having to wait a long, long time before I get 10 more YL entities.

Diana VE7XYL and OM, Frank stopped by for an hour's chat last week - they were on their way over to Vancouver Island looking for a bit of sunshine. Great seeing Diana again - it has been a while.

I see that VE3XN has included in his Sept/Oct article in TCA a short bit about Gwen, VK3DYL, June, VK6SJ, and myself and our YL DXpedition to Christmas Island and also included a picture of our QSL card VK9XYL. 33 Elizabeth

Ann - VE3HAI writes: That she and Bare have just returned from a visit to Vancouver, where they had dinner with VE7YL at the nicest restaurant anywhere. The scenery and food were spectacular.

Ann also had a phone chat with Suzanne, VE7IM. Ann and Suzanne met for the first time at the YLRL convention. The call was a good opportunity to catch up and reminisce about the fun they had in Quincy.

Ann and Bare attended the TFM Repeater annual meeting in September and will be going to Ft. Wayne in November for their big flea market.

Janet, N9ZKU, Ann and Bare's daughter, lives in Ft. Wayne and goes to the flea market with them. That's always fun.

In November, Ann was at the CLARA recruiting display, during the York Region Flea market. That's one of the best-organized flea markets in the Toronto area. It's a pleasure to be a vendor there. The only difficulty is that the vendor doors open at 6:30 a.m. Ann and YL Harmonics November/December

Bare live a good hour's drive from the site. It will be an early morning that day, for sure.

Ann wishes everyone a Happy Holiday. Until next time, be safe and enjoy life.

Heather - VE3HQB writes:

Well, we didn't get all the projects done that we hoped for but if the fall continues to be nice, we'll keep working on them. I haven't done much radio work this summer but I'm sure there'll be some antenna work to be done before winter, there always seems to be.

On Sept 24th we went back to the Sudbury for their Hamfest, this was their second Hamfest and it was good but not as well attended as the first one. In the evening Doug called a square dance for the Sudbury dance group. They had a birthday cake and ice cream as Doug and 2 other dancers had birthdays that day. The weather was good and a good time was had by all.

Our Newmarket Hamfest is coming up on Oct 22 and it's always a good one. The largest in southern Ontario, our club hosts it. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. 33, Heather VE3HQB

Jeanne - VA3WX writes:

She was laid up with Sciatica for the months of August and September and really had to take things easy.

I have done Net Control the second Tuesday of the evening CLARA nets for Sept, and Oct. and have had noisy band conditions but the ones checking in can hear each other.

We had hedges trimmed at my QTH in Sept, and although the chap trimming the hedges

was warned about my dipoles he managed to take my 40 and 20-meter dipoles down so will need to get help to get them back up before winter. Wishing everyone a happy festive season and all the best for 2012. 33s, Jeanne

Vai - VE5AQ writes: Hello Everyone from VE5 land. Well, summer has been and gone.

My OM has almost completely recovered from his broken heel; still a wee bit of a limp, but that will go away in time. I have been very well, but also very busy. Definitely not used to doing everything myself, when he got home he phoned

All of our antennas are now back up and working, so hopefully the bands will improve for the winter.

We have been listening to 10M, and 17M and they seem to be opening up, so hopefully contacts will be made.

So as this year comes to an end, I pray that all are in good health, my prayers for those who are in need, and of course for anyone who wants them. I wish everyone a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year for 2012. Till next issue God Bless 33 Vai, VE5AQ

Merle, VE1VCI, writes:

We had a very poor spring and summer on the farm due to cool and wet conditions in May and June.

This caused the bees to stay in their hives. Any fruit or vegetable that was not self-pollinating was a failure. The worst affected crop was our low bush blueberry.

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DX News & DX Treasurer de Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM

Dear YL friends.

Summer is over and autumn is here with all the beautiful colors and crisp air. Winter is coming and for some it will be summer. Will we get a cold harsh winter or a mild one, who can tell? I hope you have had time to be on the radio and perhaps work that rare one, or the one you have looked for a long time. I worked South Sudan, a new country and waiting for the QSL card. I got two more new countries to add to my list this year.

I am on the Monday DX-YL net 14.288 at 15:00 UTC and I have contact with some of you, and always hope many more will join us.

Christa, DJ1TE, told me of their yearly 80-meter group meeting in Bremerhaven this year September 6th to 9th. Thirty YLs and OMs attended. Christa and five other YLs took the train from Freiburg to Bremerhaven and had many train changes with short time in between. Trains in Germany are known to go on time, better be there,

The good time started on the train and stayed with them the whole time. In Bremerhaven they went sightseeing by boat and there is big harbor for container; shipping cars all over the world. They went to a factory making power windmills and to a shipping museum. One of the dinners was on a sailing ship in the harbor.

The last night ended with a pajama party in one room with
age 22

pizza for 15 of the YLs, and a lot of fun and laughter. It has become a tradition. Christa had time to visit her niece who had a baby just born. Trip back went by train and same happy time.

SYRLA (Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs) have their meeting every two years, and it was in Finland this year. Inger, OZ7AGR reported about this meeting.



Once again we had a fantastic SYLRA meeting (Scandinavia Young Lady Radio Amateur). This time it took place in Finland, in August 11-14 2011. Porvoo was the name of the town, one of the eldest town in Finland, which was founded 1380. In the middle of the town there are many old wooden houses painted in many different colours. From Helsinki (the capital of Finland) are there only 50 miles to go to this beautiful old town.

What a wonderful experience to meet all the YLs and we were of course in good spirits. We met at the dinner table during the evening, listened to all the stories we have to tell. And - of course - our OMs had stories

to tell as well. 26 YLs plus 9 OMs attended and ten countries were represented.

Friday was the for YL forum. Annika, OH2HSJ; Memma, OH1EG; and Marita, OH5KIZ were the organizers. We were all dressed in a beautiful dark blue Tshirt with logo, nice looking young ladies.

We made our reports for the last two years. Then we introduced each YL. Unni LA6RHA showed us a film that she had made about her trip to Shetland 2010. Ingrid LA8FOA talked about the YL-expedition in Greenland 2010 (we were all five YLs at the SYLRA-meeting).

A bus picked us up, and we were taken to Annika's parents' home, they had invited us to a grill party. They lived in a beautiful place in the woods. With food and wine and company we enjoyed the party and we all felt that we had known each other forever. They had hired a rock orchestra and you bet we were dancing. When the bus returned we were in high spirits. The evening was fantastic.

Saturday was early up in the morning. OK I must admit that I have difficult to wake up in the morning, but Sharron, ZL3EA, spoiled me, brought me coffee in bed every day and it turned out to be wonderful mornings, HI HI. The bus picked us up and we went on sightsee-

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ing surrounding Porvoo. We were shown a mansion house, Malmgaard, which family has been there for 14 generations. There was a brewery too and of course we had to test the beer. We drove to another mansion house where we had a delicious lunch. The countess herself served us. As she said: "We have to take in tourists as it is very, very expensive to keep". The last mansion we visited was fashionable; its time started in 1356 and year after year the famous people pay the Haikku Mansion a visit. The Tsars from Russia dropped in very often. Today it works as a very fine and expensive hotel. We had our afternoon coffee served with a delicious cake. Then back to Poorvoo to hear the history of the town.

Theat evening was a gala dinner, but first there were some YLs who would like to get rid of their champagne. They invited us for a drink to their room. We were 26 persons in one little hotel room - always place for one more, hi, hi, lots of fun. The gala dinner was as usually nice, cosy and fun. We had buffet with many different Finish dishes. It tasted so good. Marko, OH2LRD told us about the radio amateur's work in Finland. I noticed they had a summer camp for young people to become radio amateur. What a good idea!!!

Sunday was time to say goodbye after breakfast. It is always difficult. We all agreed that the Finish YLs had made a marvellous job. Everything was perfect. Next meeting is in Roskilde, Denmark in 2013.

Three Finnish YLs, Sharron ZL3AE and Inger OZ7AGR went on for a two day YL expedition in the Liesjärvi National Park, about 60 miles North of Helsinki.



Our OMs Glenn, ZL3GL and Bjarne, OZ2UV joined us. That was a big experience. It was very primitive with no lights, water and an outdoor toilet. We knew all this beforehand. We felt like playful girl guides.



We made our dinner at the fireplace, and just besides there was a beautiful lake with a lot of lotus.



No huts without a sauna, which we made use of. There was a hut where the four "guests" slept. But the radio was in a tent and running by a generator. Thanks to Rami, OH3BHL and Ari, OH5VA as everything

about radio was settled before we arrived as we only had two days, and we were able to start immediately.



We were quite busy calling CQ and the SYLRA-meeting 2011 in Finland ended up with 1000 QSOs from countries all over the world with the call sign OH2YLS.

Thank you to the Finish YLs: Annika, OH2HSJ; Marita, OH-5KIZ; and Memma, OH1EG 73,33,88, Inger OZ7AGR

I wish you all Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!
Good DX-ing.

Reminder: Dues for membership including sponsorship starts January 1st to February 1st, 2012. Please let me know of any changes in e-mail addresses, as I will send membership card via e-mail. **PLEASE NOTE THE DUES ARE \$25.00 FOR DX starting 2012.**

Please let me know if you can sponsor a DX-YL. We had to increase the membership price for DX and for many, whom sponsor five and more I need more sponsors to help them out. You don't have to have contact via radio with them, e-mail and letters is fine. It should be a two-way friendship that will last a long time.

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

Certificate Custodian

WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL, DX-YL -Carolyn Donner, N8ST- [REDACTED]

ANNOUNCING ...

YLRL GRANDMOTHER AWARD CERTIFICATE

This is a certificate that did not originate with the YLRL. It was started by Mary Meyer (W9RUJ - now a SI<) in 1958 as a way to get more YLs involved in having fun on the radio. By just chatting with other YLs you could enjoy the hobby more, and at the same time work toward a nice certificate to hang on the wall in your shack.

After Mary became a silent key, the award was run by Martha Shirley, WOZWL until she became a silent key. After that Phyllis Douglas, K7SEC oversaw the award until recently.

I was not award of this award at all until a member of YLRL applied for a YLRL certificate and mentioned she would like to apply for the Grandmother Award but didn't know the procedure. I discussed it with the YLRL officers and they directed me to Phyllis who had not had any applicants for the award for some time. I don't remember if it was Phyllis or a YLRL officer who suggested to me that we take it on as a YLRL certificate, but I was in favor of it, so they put me in contact with Phyllis who was also in favor of it becoming a YLRL certificate. After that Phyllis sent me everything she had on the award along with a brief history of the award.

I was pleased to see that the original was not only for grandmothers but had a seal for great-grandmothers. While reading over the original rules, I realized that instead of a seal we could just have two certificates ... one for collecting names of grandmothers and one for collecting names of great-grandmothers. I did keep it as a stacked award though ... in other words, you have to receive the grandmother's certificate first and then work on the great-grandmother's certificate. You can't do it the other way around. Other than that, I've kept the rules very close to what were the original rules.

There is no list of grandmothers or great-grandmothers for you to contact. You have to find them by simply making contacts on the radio and chatting. We all know how to do that. Look for anyone who is a grandmother and log their information as listed in the rules below.

YLRL GRANDMOTHER AWARD RULES

1. Available to all licensed amateur radio operators (YLs and OMs).
2. Have QSOs with 15 grandmothers and collect the following information for each ... Date of QSO, Time, band, callsign, name, and number of grandchildren.
3. Great-grandchildren do NOT count for this award (you'll understand why later).
4. "Grandchildren" refers to children of your children. Your children and grandchildren can be related by biological, adopted, foster, and step children and/or grandchildren. They cannot be the neighbor's children who call you grandma and are not related in any way.
5. Send your log to the YLRL Certificate manager either by e-mail, or snail mail to receive your certificate. The certificate will be returned by the same method used to send the log, unless you specify a different method.
6. After receiving your Grandmother Award Certificate, you can continue to the next award.
7. If you mail your log in or want a certificate mailed to you, please enclose at least 4 first class US postage stamps. If you live in a DX country and cannot get US stamps, the stamps are not necessary.

YLRL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER AWARD RULES

1. Before you can work on this award you must first complete the GRANDMOTHER AWARD above.
2. Available to all licensed amateur radio operators (YLs and OMs).

3. Have QSOs with 15 great-grandmothers and collect the following information for each ... Date of QSO, Time, band, callsign, name, and number of great-grandchildren.
4. Great-Grandchildren refer to children of your children's children. Your children, grandchildren and/or great-grandchildren can be related by biology, adopted, foster, and step at any level. They cannot be the neighbor's children who call you grandma and are not related in any way.
5. Send your log to the YLRL Certificate manager either by e-mail, or snail mail to receive your certificate. The certificate will be returned by the same method used to send the log, unless you specify a different method.
6. If you mail your log in or want a certificate mailed to you, please enclose at least 4 first class US postage stamps. If you live in a DX country and cannot get US stamps, the stamps are not necessary.

Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates

1. Contacts made through repeater devices or any other power relay method cannot be used for any YLRL certificate confirmation.
2. All contacts must be made **FROM** the same country.
3. **DO NOT SEND QSL CARDS TO THE CUSTODIAN!** Two other Amateurs must sign the log verifying that the QSL cards are in possession of the applicant.
4. No charge is made for a certificate, but sufficient postage for first class mail or a stamped legal-size envelope must accompany the application to cover the cost of mailing the certificate.
5. For the order in which the contacts must be listed, please check the rules for each certificate.
6. All inquiries should be addressed to the appropriate custodian.
7. Decisions of the custodians regarding interpretations of the rules as here stated or later amended shall be final.
8. Certificate custodians and their addresses are listed in each issue of *YL Harmonics*.

Continuous Membership Certificate

This certificate is available **ONLY** to YLRL members. It is awarded automatically to any YL who has been a member, continuously for five years. Diamond-shaped stickers are awarded for each additional five years of continuous membership.

Continuous Membership-Mary Moore, WX4MM-

5 Years

WB4RIV, Janice Sturbois; I<B5CSQ, Betty Jo Byrd; ZL1JAN, Janet Musto; KG4CQZ, Kim Huey

15 Year

VK3WX, Robyn Gladwin; DL3KWR, Rosel Zenker; JN2WHR, Kaneko Ogawa

20 Years

DL5OBK, Gerda Jacobs; EU1YL, Zina Zajko

25 Years

WA2URE, Marcella Kessler

30 Years

KA8HED, Rebecca Young; KS2YL, Nancy Bob

45 Years

WA8EKQ, Beulah Shelly

2012 YL Contest Calendar

Organizer	Contest Name	Date	Mode	Link	Remarks
PI4YLC	Midwinter Contest	Jan 8 10z-14z	SSB CW	http://midwintercontest.veron.nl/contest/mw_eng.htm	Open to everybody, YLs are competing in separate category
LZOCC	LZ Open Contest	Jan 21 0z-4z	CW	http://www.lzopen.com/lz-open-contest/rules/rulesF.htm	Open to everybody, YLs are awarded and classified separately. Only 80m and 40m to be used.
YL-ISSB	Annual YL-ISSB QSO Party 2011	Jan 21-22 0z-24z	SSB	http://www.ylssystem.org/qsoparty/qsorules.htm	Open to everybody
YL-ISSB	Annual YL-ISSB QSO Party 2011	Feb 4-5 0z-24z	CW	http://www.ylssystem.org/qsoparty/qsorules.htm	Open to everybody
PODXS 070 Club	Valentine Sprint	Feb 14 20-02 local	PSK31	http://www.podxs070.com/valentine-sprint	Open to everybody, YLs are competing in separate category
YLRL	YL-OM Contest	Feb 10-12 14z-02z	SSB CW MC T	http://www.ylrl.org/ylcontests.html#YLOM	Open to everybody. YLs are competing in separate category
AGCW	YL-CW Party	Mar 6 19z-21z	CW	http://www.agcw.org/en/?Contests:YL-CW-Party	Open to everybody. YLs are competing in separate category
ILRS	The 9 th HINA 33 Contest	Mar 2-3 15z-15z	SSB CW DIGI	http://www.jarl.com/jlrs/contest/33contest.html	Open to everybody. YLs are competing in separate category
ZG PZK and SPYLdub	SP YL Contest	Mar TBA	SSB CW	http://www.sp9pkz.republika.pl/SPYLContest2011.pdf	Open to YLs only. Only 80m band to be used.
MRASZYL	HA YL-OM VERSENY KII'RASA	Mar TBA	FM SSB	http://ha5fq.ha5khc.hu/y1/ylverseny.htm	Only Hungarian-speaking YLs can participate
CQ Radio	Russian YL/ OM Contest	Mar 10 7z-9z	SSB CW	http://www.qrz.ru/contest/detail/313	Open to everybody, YLs are competing in separate category
SARL	SARL March Madness YL Sprint	Mar TBA	SSB	http://www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/SARL_2011_Contest%20Manual_issue_9.pdf	Open to everybody, but only licensees from certain south African countries can be awarded.
DL-YL	YL-Aktivitäts-Party 2012	Mar TBA	SSB	http://www.dare.de/?id=812	Open to everybody
CLARA	2012 CLARA and Family HF Contest	Mar 19&24 17z-17z	SSB CW	http://www.claranetca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=66	Open to everybody, YLs are competing in separate category
CWJF	CQMM DX Contest	Apr 21-22 12z-00z	CW	http://www.powerline.com.br/cwjf/Regulamento_Ing.pdf	Open to everybody. Top scoring YL awarded with a special plaque
Florida Contest Group	Florida QSO Party	Apr 28 & 29 10hr periods	SSB CW	http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/rules.html	Non-Florida amateurs to work only Florida stns. Top-scoring YLs awarded separately.
F5ISY,HK3JJB DF5ZV,KI4PJC	The Day of YLs	May 19-20 0z-24z	SSB CW DIGI	http://thedayofyls.monsite-orange.fr/	Open to everybody

Lithuanian Radio Sports Federation	48th Baltic Contest	May TBA	SSB CW	http:// www.lrsf.lt/bcontest/english/rules.html.htm	Open to everybody only 80m to be used. Top scoring-YT. is awarded separately.
Lithuanian ARS	WAL Contest	Jun TBA	SSB CW	http:// www.qrz.lt/walcontest/rulesen.htm	Open to everybody. Top-scoring YL is awarded.
Alabama Contest Group	Alabama QSO Party	Jun 4-5 16z-4z	SSB CW	http:// www.alabamagsoparty.org/2012/2012Rules.pdf	Non-Alabama amateurs to work only AL stns. Top-scoring Alabama/ US YLs awarded separately.
Anne Arundel Radio Club	Maryland-DC QSO Party	Aug11&12 12hr periods	SSB CW DIGI	http:// mdcqsoparty.w3vpr.org/Documents/MarylandOSOPartyRules2011v2.pdf	Open to everybody, YLs are awarded separately
SARL	SARL YL Sprint	Aug TBA	SSB	http:// www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/SARL_2011_Contest%20Manual_issue_9.pdf	Open to everybody, but only licensees from certain south African countries can be awarded.
CRAEC	CVA DX Contest	Aug 18-19 21z-21z	CW	http:// www.craec.info/2010/images/docs/pdf/cvarules1.pdf	Open to everybody, YLs are competing in separate category.
CRAEC	CVA DX Contest	Aug 25-26 21z-21z	SSB	http:// www.craec.info/2010/images/docs/pdf/cvarules1.pdf	Open to everybody, YLs are competing in separate category.
ALARA	32nd ALARA Contest	Aug25&26 4z-14z	SSB CW	http://*// www.alara.ofg.au/contests/	Open to everybody, YT,s are competing in separate category
Romanian ARF	YO DX HF Contest	Aug 25-26 12z-12z	SSB CW	http:// www.yodx.ro/en/hf-contest/rules	Open to everybody. Top-scoring YT is awarded separately
Mad River Radio Club	Ohio QSO Party	Aug 27-28 16z-4z	SSB CW	http:// www.ohqp.org/adminRules.htm	Open to everybody. Non-Ohio amateurs to work only Ohio stns. Top-scoring Ohio-YT. awarded separately
JLRS	The 41st JLRS Party Contest	Sep TBA	SSB	http:// www.jarl.com/jlrs/contest/39-jlrs.html	Open to everybody, YT,s are competing in separate category
NCCC	California QSO Party	Oct 1-2 16z-22z	SSB CW FM	http:// www.cqp.org/Rules.html	Open to everybody. Top scoring YLs are awarded separately
JLRS	The 41st JLRS Party Contest	Oct TBA	CW	http:// www.jarl.com/jlrs/contest/39-jlrs.html	Open to everybody, YLs are competing in separate category
YLRL	DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest	Oct 5-7 14z-2z	SSB CW DIGI	http://www.ylrl.org/ylcontests.html#DXYL	Open to YLs only
SYLRA	SYLRA Contest 2012	Oct TBA	SSB CW DIGI	http:// tf3vs.ritmal.is/test2011.htm	Open to everybody, YLs are competing in separate category
LIFT	UFT-YL-CW Contest	Nov TBA	CW	http:// www.uft.net/articles.php?lng=fr&pg=341	1 st * day: only 40m, 2 nd day: only 80m. Open to everybody, YLs are competing in separate category
Boring Amateur Radio Club	Stew Perry Top Distance Challenge	Dec TBA	CW	http:// jzap.com/k7rat/stew.rules.txt	Open to everybody. Only 160m band to be used. Top scoring YT, awarded with a special plaque

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25 sheets 5 x 8 (note size) w/o envelopes	\$2.00
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Earrings are pierced only	

GIRL-ON -THE-WORLD STICKERS

Silver with blue girl, 1" diameter	10 for \$1.00
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